

It's Been a Month!

It's hard to believe, but it's only been one month since we launched the Woodstock Area Relief Fund (WARF). It's even harder to believe that we have received over \$360,000 in donations and another large chunk has been pledged. Although when you think about it, it's not that surprising. Neighbors pull together to help neighbors when needed, especially in this area.

WARF is a volunteer-run nonprofit that provides financial assistance to residents of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to help with rent, food, and other household expenses. So far, we've helped 111 households, a mixture of Woodstock, Reading, Pomfret, Plymouth, Killington, Bridgewater, and Barnard residents.

The majority of the funds have been used for rent/mortgage payments. "Thank you SO much for the relief payment for my family's rent, which I just received in the mail," said one applicant. "I have never been in a position where I have needed to accept help or relief like this, and I am so humbled and appreciative. Our case worker was amazing—she made this seem so normal and was so helpful and kind. I can't tell you how much this means to my family."

In addition to getting much-needed money for rent, auto expenses, utilities, and food to applicants, caseworkers make sure they know about local resources such as health foundations and food banks. One applicant thanked us for reaching out with such a generous helping hand and said they were grateful for the ideas and contacts we gave them.

The application process is completely confidential and extremely EASY. So, please, reach out to us if you need help.

To apply for aid: www.woodstockarearelieffund.org

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